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April 15, 1966

Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Haynes
Haynes Hardware
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Dear Brother & Sister Haynes:

I regret that you gained the impression during my lesson at North Boulevard last week that the Good Samaritan was a Negro. I was trying to make this important Biblical lesson a greater reality in the present-day lives of those in that audience. One living in the 20th century does not appreciate the contrast between Jew and Samaritan, especially the racial hatred. The only parallel of that incident with today's life is that of a wounded white man being "passed by" by two white so called Christians, while a third man, being a Negro, comes along and renders the necessary aid. This was the point I was making. Apparently no one else drew the same conclusion you did. I appreciate your calling this to my attention.

I used the Good Samaritan in this manner because Biblical fact means nothing unless it is a reality in present-day living.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:lc